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Director, Regulations and Rulings Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 14412  
Washington, DC 20044-4412

Dear Director:

I will preface this by saying that Calistoga Cellars contacted me asking for my help. I have never purchased their product, and I know only what they've told me about themselves. If I understand this issue correctly, proposed new regulations amending TTB notice #77 will harm Calistoga Cellars. It seems to me that a small winery like Calistoga Cellars should be grandfathered to allow them to continue business as in the past and that the proposed new regulation should apply only to new wineries. This sounds like a case of too much regulation; let free enterprise take care of things. If the big guys need to hurt the little guys to be more successful, maybe the big guys should consider getting into a different business. Buy Illinois wine!!!

Sincerely,

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